(e) what are the main reasons for slipping three places by India and the steps being taken to improve the position?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) The India Economic Summit held in New Delhi from November, 23-25, 2003 was attended by public personalities, senior government officials and business leaders from various countries like Australia, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Iran, Netherlands, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, USA and India. The key recommendations of the Summit relate to economic and social reforms, international/geopolitical issues, foreign direct investment (FDI), corporate governance and sectoral recommendations.

In the Global Competitiveness Report 2003-04, India is ranked 56 among 102 countries in terms of growth competitiveness compared to its rank of 54 among 80 countries in the report for 2002-03. Its rank has reduced mainly due to inclusion of more countries in the coverage of the report. The six European economies among the top ten countries listed in the report are Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Iceland and Norway.

Irrigation Projects under CAD Programme

*219. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Assistance is granted to the State Governments under the Command Area Development (CAD) Programme for development of major irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and assistance released under CAD Programme to the States during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have received request from the Government of Karnataka for extending assistance under the Programme to minor irrigation projects also for their development and rejuvenation; and

(d) if so, the details and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OFWATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme is granted to the State

Government for development of On-farm infra-structure for major as well as medium irrigation projects in all States and minor irrigation projects in hilly States of North East, J & K, Himachal, and hilly areas of West Bengal and Uttranchal.The details regarding Central Assistance released to the State Government under CAD Programme during last three years is enclosed in the Statement. *(See* below).

(c) Yes Sir. Government of Karnataka has requested for inclusion of Minor Irrigation tanks inluding their rejuvenation and development of their commands under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme.

(d) There is no proposal to include development of minor irrigation projects, including tanks, under the CAD Programme in the States except in the hilly States and hilly areas mentioned in part (a) & (b) above hilly States. However, a component on renovation and desilting of existing irrigation tanks in the CAD commands is included for Central Assistance in the proposed Restructured Command Area Development and Water Management Programme.

Statement

Release of Assistance under the Centrally sponsored command area development programme during last three years (2000-2003)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

SI No	Name of State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.75	34.75	125.13
3.	Assam	33.45	35.00	0.00
4.	Bihar	0.00	300.00	0.00
5.	Chattisgarh	—	46.32	148.45
6.	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Gujarat	18.67	0.00	0.0
8.	Haryana	503.02	2321.79	620.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	68.17	155.95	180.00
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	165.19	171.22	344.00
11.	Jharkhand	—	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5
12.	Karnataka	1863.73	3423.84	2653.00
13.	Kerala	745.62	507.94	0.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	123.41	15.86	616.05
15.	Maharashtra	461.14	744.72	331.33
16.	Manipur	113.09	0.00	211.03
17.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	11.34
18.	Mizoram	5.00	6.88	9.14
19.	Nagaland	0.00	133.16	0.00
20.	Orissa	1035.92	504.76	264.90
21.	Punjab	2133.49	0.00	1622.00
22.	Rajasthan	1592.19	2654.66	2939.27
23.	Sikkim	0.00	5.50	1.25
24.	Tamil Nadu	1677.38	1336.14	2305.00
25.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	3247.32	2274.19	2279.40
27.	Uttaranchal	—	0.00	75.00
28.	West Bengal	424.77	0.00	284.00
	TOTAL:	14215.31	14672.68	15020.29

Irrigation Projects of Karnataka

*220. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the irrigation projects of Karnataka pending with the Government for approval/clearance;

(b) how many out of them have been sent back to Karnataka for seeking clarifications; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to accord approval clearance to all these pending irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) At present only two irrigation projects namely, Singatalur (Huligudda) Lift Irrigation Scheme (major) and Basapur Lift Irrigation Scheme (medium) of Karnataka are under various stages of appraisal in the Central Water Commission.